Remarks

Status of Claims

Claims 6, 7, 10, 15, 17, 19, 20, 41, 45, and 47 have been amended to include a period at the end of claim. Additionally, Claim 36 and claims 46-50 have been canceled.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's finding of allowable subject matter in claims 1-35 and 37-45.

Claim Objections

The Examiner has objected to claims 6, 7, 10, 15, 17, 19, 20, 41, 45, and 47 because they do not end in a period. In response, Applicants have amended the claims so that they end with a period, thereby obviating this objection.

Prior Art Rejections

The Examiner rejected claims 36, 46, 47 and 49 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Munoz-Bustamante et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,229,712 B1). Additionally, under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), the Examiner rejected claim 45 as being unpatentable over Munoz-Bustamante et al, and claim 50 under as being unpatentable over Munoz-Bustamante et al. in view of Isaksson (U.S. Pat. No. 6,394,664).

Although Applicants do not agree with the merits of this rejection--indeed, Applicants do not even concede that Munoz-Bustamante et al. is prior art--applicants have chosen to pursue an immediate allowance of the application by cancelling the rejected claims rather than traversing the rejection. This cancellation is being made without prejudice and Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of these cancelled claims in a divisional application.

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Information Disclosure Statement

Applicants are submitting herewith an Information Disclosure Statement along with a petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c) and the necessary fees. It is respectfully requested that the subject matter of the schematic drawing, i.e., the Hewlett Packard transceiver, be treated as prior art for purposes of this examination.

Thank you.

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